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COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended August 20, 1904. Estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths, 10; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fair.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date. | Vessel. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aug. 15 | Sarnia | 51 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 16 | Harald | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | Oracabessa | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | Mt. Vernon | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | John Wilson | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Four bills of health for Panaman ports were viséed and 34 passengers for Colon examined and given certificates.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, August 23, as follows: During the week ended August 20, 1904, 6 vessels were inspected and issued bills of health, with a total crew of 172 and 2 passengers. All the vessels were in good sanitary condition and no sickness.

Report from Habana.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Echemendia reports, August 24, as follows: Week ended August 20, 1904:

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| Vessels inspected and bills of health issued | 20 |
| Crew of outgoing vessels inspected | 793 |
| Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected | 363 |
| Pieces of freight passed | 750 |

Mortuary report of Habana during the week ended August 20, 1904.

| Disease. | Number of deaths. |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Tuberculosis | 18 |
| Meningitis | 5 |
| Pneumonia | 6 |
| Cancer | 3 |
| Pernicious fever | 2 |
| Enteric fever | 1 |
| Scarlet fever | 1 |
| Measles | 1 |
| Enteritis | 1 |
| Tetanus | 1 |
| Erysipelas | 1 |
| Peritonitis | 1 |

Total number of deaths, 93.

Report from Matanzas—Scarlet fever and enteric fever—Sanitary conditions unsatisfactory.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, August 24, as follows:

During the week ended August 20, 1904, bills of health were issued to 3 vessels bound for ports in the United States.

Since my last report there have been reported the following contagious diseases: Scarlet fever, 5; diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 7, with 1 death.

As yet no effort tending to remedy the unsatisfactory sanitary condition of this city has been successful.

The sweeping and sanitation of the streets, as well as the daily disposal of garbage, are visibly being neglected, while domiciliary inspection, according to information, has been completely discontinued in consequence of the inadequate force remaining since the late reduction of the personnel in the sanitary department.

Mortuary statistics of the city of Matanzas from August 10 to 20, 1904.

| Cause of death. | Number of deaths. | Bertillon number. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Softening, cerebral | 1 | 65 |
| Congestion, pulmonary | 2 | 95 |
| Suicide by hanging | 1 | 157 |
| Drowning, accidental | 1 | 158 |
| Neoplasm, uterine (unqualified) | 1 | 42 |
| Hemorrhage, cerebral | 1 | 61 |
| Effusion, pleuritic | 1 | 94 |
| Enteritis, tubercular | 1 | 29 |
| Tuberculosis, pulmonary | 1 | 29 |
| Uræmia | 1 | 120 |
| Intussusception, intestinal | 1 | 108 |
| Athrepsia | 1 | 105 |
| Senility | 1 | 154 |
| Insufficiency, mitral | 1 | 79 |
| Grip | 1 | 10 |
| Ulcer of stomach | 1 | 103 |
| Tetanus, infantile | 1 | 72 |
| Arterio-sclerosis | 1 | 81 |
| Debility, congenital | 1 | 151 |
| Fever, enteric | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 21 | |

Annual rate of mortality per 1,000, 15.75; estimated population, 48,000.

Reports from Santiago.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, August 17 and 20, as follows:

During the week ended August 13, 1904, bills of health were issued to 2 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Last night's papers announced that the "Gaceta Oficial" of Habana would publish this week the specifications for the construction of the aqueduct of Santiago, and ask for bids.

Mortuary report for the week ended August 13, 1904.

| Cause of death. | Number. | Bertillon number. |
|---|---------|-------------------|
| Pernicious fever | 1 | 4 |
| Tubercle of lungs | 2 | 27 |
| Cerebral hemorrhage | 1 | 64 |
| Infantile tetanus | 1 | 72 |
| Organic heart disease | 1 | 79 |
| Angina pectoris | 1 | 80 |
| Arterio-sclerosis | 1 | 81 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years) | 3 | 105 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis (chronic) | 2 | 103a |
| Diarrhea and enteritis (2 years and over) | 1 | 103 |
| Cirrhosis of liver | 1 | 112 |
| Ill-defined or unspecified | 1 | 179 |
| Total | 16 | |

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 18.28 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.